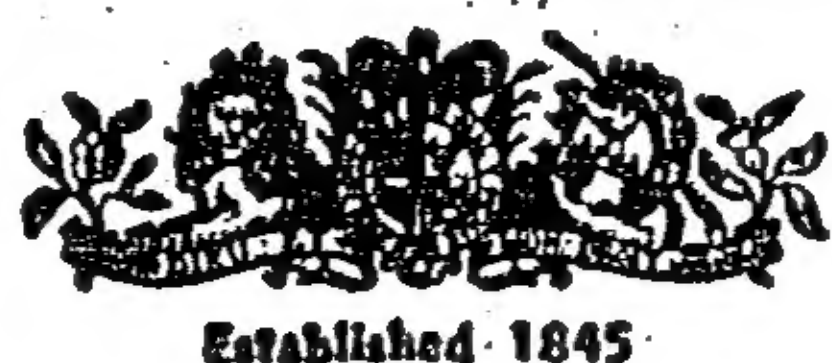


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

SYRIA'S BLUFF?

HAS King Saud called Syria's bluff? It seems like it. Earlier this week it was made known that Saud had offered to mediate between Syria and Turkey. The latter accepted gratefully but after an official statement from Saudi Arabia announced that Syria too had agreed, Damascus and its envoys abroad recanted. No explanation was given for this extraordinary attitude. It will be recalled that only two weeks ago Syria was striving to the world that Turkish invasion was imminent.

Today, with Syria's borders still presumably threatened, Turkey's envoy is engaged in mediation discussions with King Saud's representatives but Syria has taken another extraordinary step by asking Saud to withdraw his offer of mediation. No clear reason is given by the Syrian delegate for this action and a puzzled world is left to draw its own conclusions.

Assuming that the Syrian allegations against Turkey were made with Soviet connivance and were aimed at solidifying Arab feeling against a pro-Western Muslim nation (and against the West generally) it may also be reasonable to assume that countries like Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq were not let into the plot.

BIG BROTHER

It will be recalled that soon after Syria's first charges against Turkey, Soviet Russia emerged as Big Brother with offers of assistance in the event of attack. Since Russia had named the date of the proposed Turkish invasion—October 27—it presumably wanted to keep Middle East tension alive until after that date so that it could then announce to the Arab world that Russian vigilance had saved Syria from a Turkish invasion.

But from the latest news it seems that Saudi Arabia's untimely intervention threatens to undermine the Soviet pretension and to puncture the Syrian-Soviet provoked tension. The farce taking place in the United Nations tends to confirm that the present border tension is nothing more than a propaganda hoax.

Yesterday Syria told the West it is not keen on the idea of an on-the-spot investigation by a top UN official. Is it concerned that the UN's verdict might be "false alarm"?

SYRIA REFUSES TO BUDGE

King Saud Asked To Withdraw Mediation Offer

London, Oct. 24.

Syria took two extraordinary steps today to squash measures designed to bring an end to the alleged tension on the Syrian-Turkish frontier.

★ First: the Syrian Premier, Sabri Assali confirmed that a message had been sent to King Saud asking the King to withdraw his offer of mediation between Turkey and Syria.

★ Second: a Syrian delegate to the UN, Dr Farid Zeineddine, said he did not think it would be "useful" if a top UN official went to the Turkish-Syrian border to make an on-the-spot investigation.

A message from Damascus, quoting the Syrian Premier, Sabri Assali, said President Kwiatkowski had asked King Saud to withdraw his mediation offer and explained the "national" reasons why Saud should withdraw.

A message from Tunis said the Tunisian President, Mr Habib Bourguiba, could not understand why Syria had refused Saud's offer of mediation.

Mr Bourguiba said in his weekly broadcast he could understand that Turkey, already having a frontier with Russia, should watch with some uneasiness the arrival of Soviet arms and technicians in Syria.

Refusal

He could also understand that Syria should have asked for arms from Eastern Europe since the West did not wish to give them to her.

But what he could not understand was the refusal of the mediation offer, he said.

Mr Fatim Rustu Zorlu, Turkish Minister of State, had further talks with King Saud, Ankara radio reported tonight.

In New York, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary-General, and Mr Salah Eddine Bitar, Syrian Foreign Minister, met today amid persistent reports that the West might propose sending a top UN official for an on-the-spot investigation of the Middle East crisis.

But after the talks, the Syrian delegates indicated coolness to the idea. All agencies.

AIRBORNE BANDITS ROB BANK

Fort Meade, Fla., Oct. 24.

Two free-shooting airborne bandits descended on this central Florida town in a stolen plane today, captured a constable and flew away with \$26,657 looted from terrified employees of the First State Bank.

Four hours later, Hagan Parish, Sheriff of Polk County, announced the capture of one of the suspected bank robbers, a pilot for a Tampa construction company. His name was withheld pending a formal charge.

The au-stricken sheriff, directing the all-out manhunt by planes, bloodhounds and posses from his sick bed in Winter Haven, said the identity of the second suspected bandit was known.

SWITCHED PLANES

The bandits, with stockings shrouding their faces, walked into the bank with the captive constable and escaped in a stolen plane. The plane was found later at an old airstrip in Western Florida, but the robbers, switching aircraft as easily as conventional bandits switch cars, were believed to have taken another to continue their aerial flight.

The bandits terrorized bank employees with a burst of wild gunfire and there was further shooting at the picture where they took off, when a police chief emptied a pistol at their ascending plane. The robbers held Constable Harry Godwin captive for more than an hour before abandoning the holdup.

The getaway plane, a light, single-engine Aeromop, was traced to an unused civilian airport on the outskirts of Plant City.—United Press.

BY-ELECTION

Labour Doubles Majority

Inswich, Oct. 24. The Labour Party (Opposition) retained its seat with a more than doubled majority in a parliamentary by-election held here today.

The result, declared tonight was (last general election figures in brackets):

Mr Dingle Foot, Labour — 26,898 votes. (GE 32,300).
Mr John Cobbold, Conservative — 19,161 votes. (GE 23,724).
Miss Manuela Sykes, Liberal — 12,587 votes. (GE no candidate).
Labour majority — 7,737 votes. (GE 3,582).—Reuter.

TEAMSTERS UNION SUSPENDED

Washington, Oct. 24.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council today suspended the giant Teamster Union from membership in the Federation for failing to oust James R. Hoffa and other union officials accused of corruption.

AFL-CIO President George Meany said the vote was 25 to 4 to suspend the 1,400,000 (M)-member union, the Federation's largest affiliate.

Meany said the Executive Council would recommend that the AFL-CIO Convention expel the teamsters at its December meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Meany made it clear that Hoffa, recently elected overwhelmingly to succeed Dave Beck as Teamster President, would have to go if the Teamsters want to remain in the AFL-CIO.—United Press.

In Saturday's China Mail

Another weekend China Mail brings you two matters that concern you now.

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THE QUEEN IN WASHINGTON



Her Majesty the Queen, seated in President Eisenhower's "bubble car", waves to the crowd on the way to the White House following her arrival in Washington.—Keystone Photo.

MAN KILLED IN FRENCH SHIPYARD BATTLE

St. Nazaire, Oct. 24.

One worker was killed and 12 injured, two of them seriously, in clashes here today between shipyard strikers and the police, an official report said.

PAY CLAIMS BY UNION LEADERS

London, Oct. 24.

Leaders of 19 trade unions representing a million building workers today approved a demand for another eightpence an hour for their members and a cut in the working week from 44 to 40 hours.

In addition, leaders of 450,000 railwaymen presented their claim for increases of up to 10 per cent to the British Transport Commission, which runs the State-owned rail system.

The Police Federation also announced that it will soon ask for a 10 per cent increase for Britain's 70,000 policemen. At present constables on the beat earn £400 a year rising to £600 after nine years.

Last night Mr Peter Thorneycroft, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told a meeting of top trade union leaders and industrialists that the high bank rate (now seven per cent) will make it much harder for employers to make profits, and more difficult for workers to get wage increases.—Reuter.

Slasher Kills Woman

New Orleans, Oct. 24.

A sadistic killer, who abducted his victims as they left church, stabbed a middle-aged secretary to death today and beat and slashed her 69-year-old minister-employer during a two-hour ride of terror.

A city-wide alert was sent out for a white man about 40 "with blood all over his clothes." Police believed he might be a madman because of his savage attack on the couple after he had taken the preacher's US\$7 in cash and the woman's diamond ring. The attacker forced his way into the Rev. Martin W. Hall's car which the minister had just entered with his secretary, Miss Leta, 57, to drive her home.—United Press.

Fifteen policemen received minor injuries. All the injured were in hospital.

The worker who was killed, a 35-year-old ship's painter, was crushed when a huge iron gate ran off its track under pressure from pushing strikers.

The strikers gathered to protest after the management of the shipyards—the Chantiers de l'Atlantique, employing 12,000 men, and one of the largest yards in France—declared a lock-out because of a series of slow-down strikes staged by the workers for wage increase demands.

Furious

The workers, furious at the management's action, occupied and wrecked the main offices, and threw stones at windows. They threw office equipment out of the window and set fire to it.

An administration official and some engineers were trapped in the offices.

A group of 15 police rushed into the yards in an effort to clear the offices. Twelve of them were injured and a police van was overturned in the street and set on fire.

Large police reinforcements were rushed to the spot and fights broke out in which several thousand workers struggled for more than an hour with the police, who tried to clear the central yard with tear gas bombs.

Workers had massed behind an iron gate to oppose the entry of more police. Under this pressure the gate went off its track, crushing the head of

Gay Prisoners

Exeter, Oct. 24.

Two inmates of an open prison near here stole a car on six nights, drove into Exeter and then returned to the prison undetected, a court here heard today.

The two men, Joseph Birney and James Turley, were each sentenced to an additional six months' imprisonment — to be served in a "conventional" prison.

The court was told today that on the last of the six nights the two men stopped at a public house and Turley, after obtaining beer and cigarettes, ran off without paying.

They were stopped when returning to camp by police seeking a similar car reported stolen elsewhere. Turley ran away but was caught trying to sneak back into the prison.—Chadwell Special.

Bing Marries Again

Las Vegas, Oct. 24.

Crooner Bing Crosby was married today to 23-year-old actress Kathy Grant at St. Anne's Roman Catholic church.

Crosby, a widower since the death of his wife, Dixie, five years ago, wore a blue pin-stripe suit. Miss Grant, a Texas-born actress, was wearing a white dress and mink coat.



The balding 53-year-old singer said he and his bride would fly to Los Angeles before making further plans for a honeymoon.

Miss Grant and Crosby have been friendly for the past two years. It is the first marriage for Miss Grant, and the second for Crosby.

The bride's real name was listed as Olive K. Grandstaff. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Every Grandstaff of West Columbia, Texas.—United Press.

All Quiet On Soviet Border

Moscow, Oct. 24.

The British Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Sir Patrick Reilly, said here today that "everything is quiet" along the southern Soviet border.

The Ambassador had just returned from a trip which took him to the Trans-Caucasian region where Soviet Deputy Minister of Defence, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky reportedly has been appointed military commander.—France-Press.

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ELIZABETH TAYLOR in
"A PLACE IN THE SUN"

America's Bid In Space Race

SCIENTISTS STEP UP U.S. ROCKET PROJECTS

Washington, Oct. 24.
In just two days the United States has leaped back into the spotlight still dominated by Russia's Sputnik.

It capped a rapid-fire series of dramatic achievements in military science by hurling a rocket at least 1,000 miles and possibly farther into the space. This, as far as U.S. officials know is the highest a man-made object has ever been fired.

Disclosure of the successful rocket shot on Monday from a balloon suspended high over Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific came last night. The firing was the announced objective of the Air Force's Operation "Farside" which is believed attempting some day to reach the moon with a rocket.

While not a technical achievement equal to the Soviet feat of placing a satellite into orbit around the globe, Farside gives a new lift to America's effort to conquer space.

Officially the Pentagon contends this is no sudden campaign to regain the psychological offensive. But the spate of announcements, tied in with the lifting of some secrecy, has that effect.

First, the Army successfully fired a 1,500-mile Jupiter military rocket at the Cape Canaveral, Florida, test centre on Tuesday night and reported it landed in the target area.

Coupled with this was the disclosure that hereafter the Defence Department will tell more about the firing of big missiles at Cape Canaveral and thus give the world more details about U.S. military advances.

Then Defence Secretary Neil H. McElroy revealed to reporters yesterday that the U.S. Navy now has atomic depth charges aboard some of the planes in the Atlantic fleet.

Test Rocket

A few minutes later came the announcement that a test rocket for the U.S. earth satellite had been fired at Cape Canaveral and the launching was "extremely successful."

Still later it was revealed that a small guided missile, the Bomarc, also was launched at Cape Canaveral—making three identified firings in less than 24 hours.

The Navy also announced yesterday it had awarded a US\$2,100,000 contract to continue development of its Polaris missile.

This will have a 1,500-mile range and be fired from ships and submarines. The Navy said this programme "is being brought forward as rapidly as possible."

In the future, Defence Department sources look for many frequent announcements of intercontinental and intermediate range ballistic missile tests at Cape Canaveral as testing is stepped up.

Yesterday's test of the rocket for Project Vanguard, the U.S. earth satellite programme, was the third in a series of test launchings and is the prelude to the announced small-scale duplication of the Russian Sputnik in December.—United Press.

FRENCH PLANS FOR ATOMIC OIL TANKERS

Paris, Oct. 24.
French research into the building of atom-powered oil tankers has made good progress, industry sources here reported today.

Many French companies have pooled their resources to work on the project, including four shipbuilding and heavy engineering concerns, which last March formed a new company known as "Propatome."

Questioned on the French Atomic Energy Commission said tonight he hoped details of the progress made would be released next month.—Reuter.

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London's Tiniest Donkey



London's tiniest donkey was born recently in the Battersea Park Children's Zoo, and appropriately named "Glean," its parents being "Twinkle" and "Glitter," two pygmy donkeys from Ceylon. Here two-year-old Andrea Giles timidly touches the new addition to the Zoo. —(Keystone).

NO US ROCKET BASES ON GREENLAND

Copenhagen, Oct. 24.
Reports that Denmark and the United States have reached an agreement on the setting up of rocket bases in Greenland were denied today by the Danish Premier and Foreign Minister, Mr. Hans Christian Hansen.

"We can establish that I know nothing about discussions concerning rocket bases in Greenland, and I cannot see that anything at all is achieved by joining in a competition with the Soviet Union in the advance of threats," Mr. Hansen told the conservative evening daily Berlingske Aftenavis.

Greenland, which was earlier a Danish colony, became part of Denmark proper by a law passed in 1953.—Reuter.

Paris, Oct. 24.
Teleprinter operators in the offices of a British and two American news agencies staged lightning strikes here tonight to support demands for higher pay.

The operators struck on the eve of the series of strikes called by workers in various sectors of the national economy for tomorrow.—China Mail Special.

Mutual Distrust

— WHY THE DISARMAMENT TALKS FLOPPED

United Nations, Oct. 24.
Irish delegate, Frederick Boland, said today that mutual distrust between the two powers was the chief reason why the London disarmament talks this year failed to live up to the vast hopes which had been placed in them.

Mr. Boland, opening today's disarmament debate in the United Nations Assembly Political Committee, said that Ireland felt, however, the conference had not been entirely sterile.

Mr. Boland said the disarmament problem was further complicated now by the risk that a "fourth nation" might start making nuclear weapons, and thus increase the dangers already caused by the present arms race.

Mr. Boland did not forecast who this fourth nation would be. He said disarmament could not be dissociated from a settlement of world political issues.

Mr. Boland said a sort of "vicious circle" prompted nations to suspect attack from any other nation which bolsters its own national defense.

The Byelorussian delegate K. Kiselev, called for an immediate ban on nuclear and thermo-nuclear mass destruction weapons. Mr. Kiselev said he requested the United States had put forward conditions which made an agreement on disarmament virtually impossible. He said the United States was actively continuing its military rearmament and that of its allies.—France-Press.

China's Scientific Mission Sees

The Display At Earl's Court

London, Oct. 24.
Members of the 20-member scientific and technical mission from China, now visiting Britain to "bring themselves up to date on British technical achievements," today visited the British Motor Show. The show is Britain's major annual shop window for the automobile industry.

The Chinese party included Kuo Li, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer of China's Changchun Automobile Factory—which is now working on designs for the first all-China manufactured motor-car.

THE FINAL TOUCHES

The mission was spending most of today informally, without any set programme after meeting early this morning with members of the Federation of British Industries to put the final touches to the preparation of their itinerary of visits to British research institutes and factories in the industrial Midlands.

Visits to research institutes over the next 10 days are expected to include top-level consultations with scientists engaged in internal-combustion engine development, iron and steel research, shipbuilding and other scientific and industrial research.

The leader of the Chinese mission, Dr. Chi Chao-ling was attending a private dinner party tonight given by Sir Hugh Beaver, President of the Federation of British Industries.—Reuter.

Smugglers Shoot It Out On Turco-Syrian Border

Damascus, Oct. 24.
There was gunfire and a land mine explosion on the Turkish border yesterday, but the excitement was caused by smugglers, not by a war.

Seven Turkish tobacco smugglers engaged in a gun battle with a Syrian anti-smuggling squad.

The fight took place in the Ghawalik Valley on the northeast border sector.

The police patrol captured two of the intruders and the other Turks escaped across the border, authorities said.

At another point on the northeast frontier, a farmer hit a Turkish land mine with his plough and was seriously injured. The land mine probably was planted a long time ago to stop smugglers.

Elsewhere along the border it was quiet.—United Press.

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RUSSIA WOOS YUGOSLAVIA

Offers Aid In Case Of American Cuts

Belgrade, Oct. 24. Russia has offered to compensate Yugoslavia for any cuts in United States aid which might follow Yugoslavia's recognition of East Germany, it was reliably understood in Belgrade today.

The Soviet Ambassador in Belgrade, Mr. Ivan Zamchevsky, was said to have informed the Yugoslav Government of the readiness of the Soviet Union "to take over all obligations" which might be necessary in such a situation.

No further details were known.

Sources close to the Yugoslav Government said today that Yugoslavia would "sharply react" if the

United States Government decided to stop its economic and military aid.

A Washington State Department spokesman said yesterday that the United States was reappraising its economic and military aid programme in the light of recent developments in connection with Yugoslavia.

The American aid to Yugoslavia, though not linked with political conditions, always represented a moral obligation for Yugoslavia to

NEW CABINET BEING FORMED IN GUATEMALA

Guatemala City, Oct. 24. Guatemala's Government resigned today and a new cabinet is being formed by the country's three-man military junta, it was announced.

The announcement was made by the Army's Chief Public Relations Officer, Colonel Ramiro Geredia, who said the Army's decision today to form the junta was taken to avoid bloodshed and a possible civil war.

The junta will rule the country in place of the late President, Luis Arturo Gonzalez.

ELECTIONS RIGGED

Trouble arose after Guatemalans charged that last Sunday's Presidential elections were "rigged."

Guatemalans have demanded that the elections be declared invalid and supporters of the defeated presidential candidate, General Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes, have clashed with police on several occasions since last Sunday.

The elections, which were won by General Ydigoras, were held to find a successor to General Carlos Castillo Armas, assassinated last summer.

Reuter.

NO DECISION TAKEN YET

Washington, Oct. 24. The State Department repeated today that the United States aid programme for Yugoslavia continues "under review" and that no decision has been taken so far.

Lincoln White, State Department Press Officer, said there had been no change since his announcement yesterday that the military and economic aid programmes were being "reappraised" because of Yugoslavia's recognition of Communist East Germany.

—United Press.

wards the West. If this aid was now refused this might turn Yugoslavia inextricably into the Soviet embrace, observers warned.

Yugoslavia is heavily dependent on foreign aid. As a result of an industrialisation policy her agriculture does not produce sufficient to feed her population and she must always import quantities of wheat.

Reuter.

SAVED FROM THE GAS CHAMBER



Republican Party Supports Mollet

MINIMUM PROGRAMME

Paris, Oct. 24. Key French political parties tonight pressed the Premier Designate, M. Guy Mollet, for a minimum programme to end the 24-day-old government crisis and get France out of her immediate economic difficulties.

Henri-Spaak To Join Big Two Conference

New York, Oct. 24.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, went to a luncheon meeting at the British Embassy today with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, and his Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd.

No discussion of a possible approach to Moscow for a big three "summit" meeting arose at this morning's session, although sources said the subject may have been considered by the President and the Prime Minister last night.

Mr. Paul Henri-Spaak, the visiting Secretary-General of NATO, will be brought into the Eisenhower-Macmillan talks tomorrow, the White House announced this afternoon.

Mr. Hagerly said Mr. Spaak would join President Eisenhower, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Dulles and Mr. Selwyn Lloyd for a discussion of matters of mutual interest early tomorrow afternoon.

MUTUAL INTEREST

The President's Press Secretary was asked whether this meant that other NATO countries might be brought into some scheme for pooling defence and atomic secrets.

Mr. Hagerly replied simply: "They are going to discuss matters of mutual interest." He said he could not go beyond that.

The President is giving a luncheon to Mr. Spaak tomorrow, Mr. Hagerly said that following the lunch Mr. Spaak would join the lunch with Mr. Dulles and Mr. Selwyn Lloyd for a discussion of matters of mutual interest early tomorrow afternoon.

REFUGEES KIDNAPPED IN AUSTRIA

Vienna, Oct. 24.

Two Czech refugees were forcibly dragged back into Czechoslovakia by Communist agents and will be tried on charges of espionage for the West, the Austrian Ministry of Interior said today.

The Austrian Government immediately announced it will protest to Czechoslovakia "against these cases of flagrant infringement of our sovereignty."

A spokesman of the Austrian Ministry of Interior confirmed earlier reports that two Czech refugees—Emmerich Suchy, 50, and Josef Vican, 45—were forcibly dragged back to their home country by Czech kidnappers.

INVESTIGATE

The spokesman said circumstances of the kidnapping were being investigated by the Austrian authorities.

Suchy was dragged in a Vienna bar by a friend who actually worked for the Czechoslovak Communist secret police. He was smuggled out of Austria on board a Czech Danube boat, the sources said.

Vican was lured by "Friends" into the border town of Retz and then dragged across the frontier into Czechoslovakia, the sources said.—United Press.

Common-Sense Co-ordination

Washington, Oct. 24.

Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization today called for the "common-sense co-ordination" of military and scientific research between the Atlantic partners.

He told a luncheon meeting of the National Press Club that the United States must have full confidence in its allies and willing allies in its turn and willing allies in its turn and willing allies in its turn.

Two truck-loads of hungry greyhounds—a total of 131—arrived in Milan recently from Genoa. The dogs, 133 of them started their journey from Alexandria, Egypt—seven died of starvation—were ordered for a dog breeding company in Milan.

But the company went bankrupt before the animals arrived. The Milan section of the "National League for the Defence of the Dog" had to pay \$50,000 lire to the Genoa Port authorities to save the animals from being destroyed.

Photo shows the hungry animals on arrival in Milan. —Keystone Photo.

FAR-REACHING PLANS EXPECTED IN ANGLO-US CO-OPERATION

Agreement Greater Than Before

By JOHN HEFFERNAN

Washington, Oct. 24.

President Eisenhower and Mr. Harold Macmillan took two big steps towards pooling US and British nuclear and scientific knowledge.

Bourgeoisie Must Be Thoroughly Remoulded Says Peking

Peking, Oct. 24.

The General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping, warned the Party's Central Committee last month that the bourgeoisie in China, especially intellectuals, now constitute the main force that can "challenge the proletariat"—which needed their knowledge.

The bourgeoisie still had status, capital and influence, he added. But the bourgeoisie must "remould themselves" if they were to avoid a clash with the proletariat.

These comments were contained in a review of the "Rectification Campaign" before the Central Committee on September 23, some sections of which have already been reported.

Fundamental

"The elimination of the bourgeoisie is a fundamental question for the Socialist revolution."

"The only way out for the bourgeoisie intellectuals is to remould themselves and serve the Socialist economic base."

Mr. Teng said the policies of the Communist Party towards the bourgeois elements and the intellectuals were consistent.

"The premise of all these policies is Socialism. The Communist Party has always firmly maintained the view that the bourgeois elements and bourgeois intellectuals must be thoroughly remoulded and gradually integrated into the working class," he said.

Movement

Mr. Teng said the Rectification Campaign and the anti-rightist struggle begun last May had, up to August, been carried out in Party, Government, higher learning, democratic parties, scientific and technical, news and publishing, and art, literature and medical circles.

Since then the movement had gradually been spread to the workers, peasants, industrial and commercial circles and lower schools, and the armed forces.

Mr. Teng described the enemy as "reactionary bourgeois rightists," counter-revolutionaries, landlords and rich peasant elements still engaged in sabotage, criminals and "bad elements."

The principal method of rectification was education, "the method of unity-criticism-unity."—Reuter.

Strike Threat

London, Oct. 24.

Several of tomorrow's airline flights between London and Paris were cancelled tonight in anticipation of a strike by French Customs officers.

Air France did not expect to operate any Paris-London flights, but some London-Paris services were expected to leave.

—Reuter.

Nuclear Reactors

Vienna, Oct. 24.

Donations of uranium promised by member states, including Britain, America and Russia, will enable the 59-nation atomic energy agency to fund 20 reactors with a total capacity of 100 megawatts for 10 years, it was announced here today.

—China Mail Special.

They instructed their respective atomic energy chiefs and top defence officials to come back by tomorrow night with concrete recommendations for harnessing the joint resources of the two nations by closer co-operation in the nuclear and missile fields.

It was obvious from the official statement issued at the end of today's 70-minute morning conference between the two Western leaders that there has already been a wide measure of agreement. Before they finally broke up, tomorrow night, indications were that the President and the Prime Minister would be able to announce far-reaching plans for utilising their combined resources for defence.

Sir Edwin Plowden, Britain's atomic chief, and Mr. Lewis Strauss, his opposite number, head one study group charged with making "recommendations in the field of nuclear relationship and co-operation."

Mr. Peter Hope, head of the Foreign Office News Department.

The immediacy with which the two Western leaders got to grips with nuclear defence was interpreted by observers as reflecting the urgency of the present situation.

OTHER MATTERS

The President and the Prime Minister were flanked by batteries of experts and advisers and dealt today during their 70-minute conversation not only with the pooling idea, but also with other matters.

What these were was not disclosed but it was widely believed that they included some study of the Syrian-Turkish-Soviet crisis.

A British view of the present talks is that they have shown a larger measure of agreement between the two nations than ever before—even greater than at the conference in Bermuda last March.

British and American sources stressed that there would be no exclusivity about any scientific pooling. The idea, they said, would be that the whole of the so-called free world should join in. But how the dissemination of scientific information would be handled on such a large scale is one of the many problems which still have to be studied.

Officials on both sides hinted strongly that the communiqué to be issued after the end of the talks tomorrow would contain big news, which observers interpreted as a likely reassertion of Anglo-American leadership in mobilising Western resources.—China Mail Special.

SCRAMBLE NOW IN PARIS FOR TOP POSITION

Paris, Oct. 24. The death of Christian Dior leaves a void today at the top-most position of the French fashion industry which other designers may now try to fill.

BRITISH BASES: THREAT TO ARAB SECURITY

Moscow, Oct. 24.

The Soviet Navy newspaper Soviet Fleet said today the "liquidation" of the British bases at Aden and Cyprus would diminish Middle East tension.

It claimed they were being used as "bridgeheads to crush Arab liberation movements" and said that while British bases remained in the Middle East area there would be a "constant threat to the security" of the Arab countries.

The article also said that the Pentagon (American army headquarters) attached "big significance" to the creation of military bases on Greek territory.

It added: "When imperialists of the United States stage naval and military demonstrations threatening the peace-loving Arab people, American ships can calculate on using Greek harbours as bases."

Recent events in Jordan and which we see again when they are planning to attack Syria.—China Mail Special.

THE COMPETITORS

Dior, with 1,200 employees and branches in 24 nations, was the biggest of them all. Among those who will now scramble to wrest the top position away from the Dior fashion house are:

★ **Lanvin-Castille**, its next biggest competitor, founded in 1876.

★ **Pierre Balmain**, 43-year-old designer who started in 1945.

★ **Christiane Fend**, 61-year-old Spaniard.

★ **Hubert de Givenchy**, tall 29-year-old French aristocrat, who was the "boy wonder" of the trade when he started in 1953.

★ **Jacques Heim**, whose house dates back to 1879.

★ **Guy Laroche**, 32, who presented his first collection early this year and said it was entirely his.

Almost a dozen major fashion houses have closed since the war, including Molinier and Worth.

Meanwhile, the Christian Dior fashion house carried on as usual today, despite the death of its founder and chief.

Despite the "sadness" among the staff, indications were that the house was working at full speed and that the daily presentation of the collection to the public was proceeding as usual.

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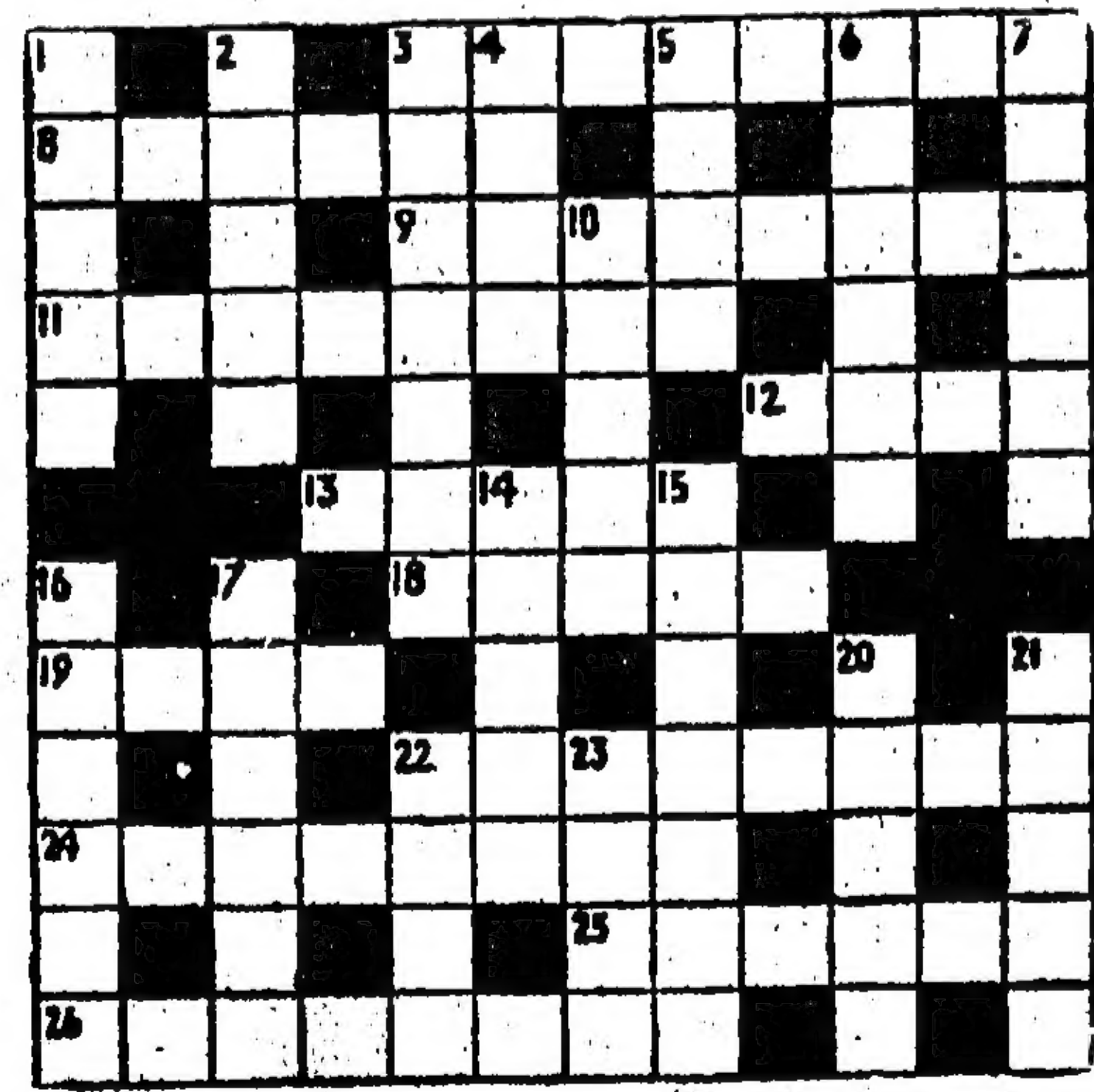
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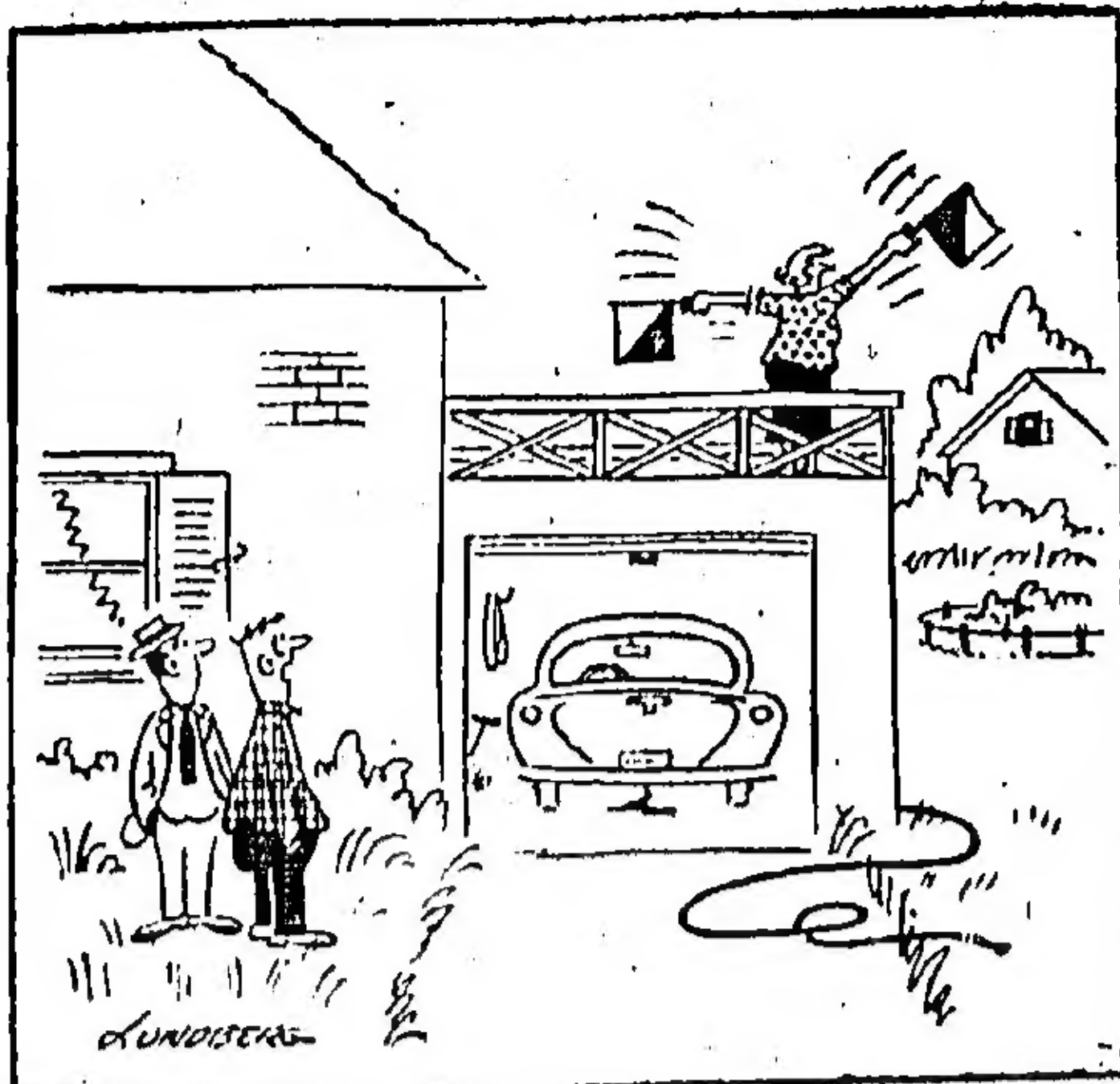
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. NEO's punishment? (6).
 2. Biblical character with an ass (6).
 3. Doomed (6).
 4. Few words from a judge? (6).
 5. Extra or a star! (4).
 6. Full of enthusiasm (6).
 7. Shape familiar to followers of cricket (4).
 8. Differing accounts (6).
 9. Portraying country life (6).
 10. Corn flakes by instantness? (6).
 11. Collector's places? (6).
- DOWN**
1. Cast down a foundation (6).
 2. Open cheque? (5).
 3. Sound rise and fall (7).
 4. Sign in a moment! (4).
 5. Handpiece (4).
 6. Buy back (6).
 7. Account-book (6).
 8. Some motion (5).
 9. Fast model (6).
 10. Childish complaint (7).
 11. Barred speaker (6).
 12. Dictatorial colonel (6).
 13. Classic pigeon (6).
 14. The bird is well-known (6).
 15. Electrical measure (4).
 16. National contest (4).
- THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD.** — Across: 3. Overturn, 7. Heats, 9. Inspired, 10. Scores, 15. Theorem, 16. Feet, 17. Modesty, 18. Victim, 20. Abuse, 21. Ruckus, 22. Lament, 23. Sedition, 24. Leave, 25. Lapses, 26. Doves, 1. Chief, 2. Capoe, 3. Ode, 4. Bats, 5. Unites, 6. Noddy, 8. Tumbler, 11. Chalk, 12. Robin, 14. Muzzle, 15. Peaks, 16. State, 18. Thrust, 19. Brown, 20. Cuts, 22. Slays, 24. Snout, 25. Bull.

This Funny World



"You'd be surprised what it's done for our phone bills!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

BORN today, you are one of those who appear to have an insatiable thirst for knowledge. This may explain why you are a student or a researcher in one of the sciences. You will either specialize in your own field and become an outstanding expert, or you might scatter your interests and become a generalist. You may have more fun—and do more charming—at a master of all trades, but you will become more financially secure if you become a master of one! Take your choice.

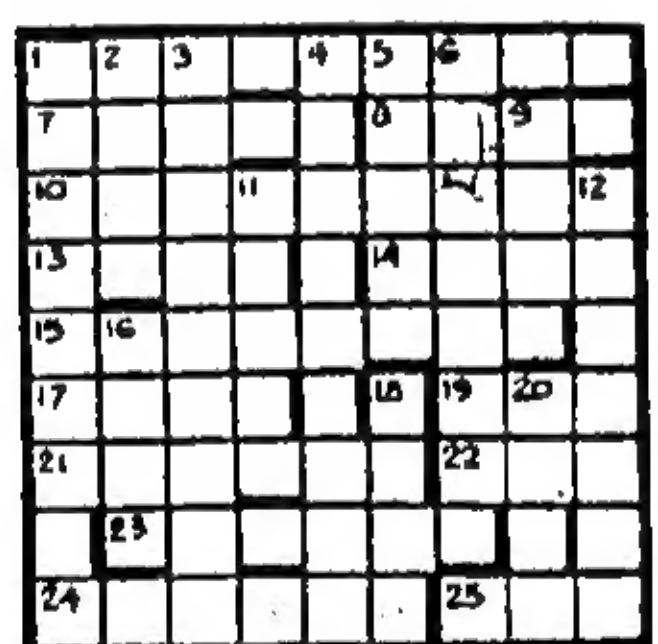
Although you appear to have tremendous physical strength, a great deal of the energy you display is nervous energy and you can work yourself up to a high pitch of endeavour which carries you forward over long periods of high-tension work. Then you have to relax completely for a time to recharge your nervous energy. If possible, learn to work in alternating cycles. In this fashion you will never completely deplete your own powers.

You are apt to minimize your own talents and are rather more timid than some in blowing your own horn. Your intuitive judgment is excellent. Learn to depend upon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 21): Respond to positive impulses today and you will make excellent progress along the road to success. BOW (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): No limit to the pleasure possibilities of this week-end! Organizing now! Social contacts bring special pleasure. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Wise thought and action will bring results which are of lasting significance to your future and of lasting value. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): A very good day! Complete everything you begin and, certainly, the aura of success is yours today. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): Plans are now highly co-ordinated and you may have practically anything you want. Speed up your production. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): Main interests, whatever they may be, are now stimulated to an exceptional high degree. Take a calculated risk. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): Good fortune, continuing as usual, this profitable and worthwhile day. Complete a project of vital importance and needed recreation. GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Try to let down tensions today and get some much needed recreation. CANCER (June 22-July 21): Some financial transaction at a disadvantage may be needed. Stimulate action on the day. LEO (July 22-Aug. 23): A blanket of success seems to cover everything you attempt now. Take advantage of this excellent period. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): Don't blame the stars today if things go wrong. You have only your own attitude to find fault with. THE SCALES (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Hold to your highest ideals and don't compromise. Stick to your guns and all will be as you hoped.

CROSSWORD

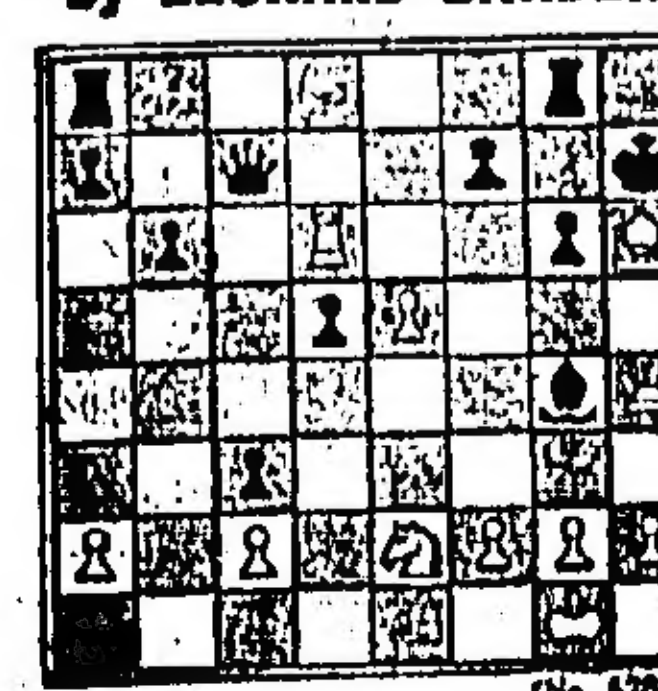


- Across
1. Farm worker. (9)
 2. Gather round. (8)
 3. Sworn. (6)
 4. Puzzling. (9)
 5. Story. (4)
 6. Redecorate in a new way. (6, 8)
 7. Let delay. (anagram). (8)
 8. Maternity. (6)
 9. Tree of old England. (8)
 10. Alarm bell. (6)
 11. Stringed. (6)
 12. Sprigs. (6)
 13. Nodules among the woods. (9)
 14. Billy creature. (8)

- Down
1. Donated. (9)
 2. After dinner. (4)
 3. Where power is in the hands of the few. (4)
 4. Where P.T. has school order. (8, 6)
 5. French stove. (8)
 6. French sailors. (8)
 7. Entrance. (8)
 8. A kind of. (8)
 9. Spanish. (7)
 10. Ant. (8)
 11. A creature. (8)
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CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



From tournament play. White to move and win quickly. London Express Service

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Free Finesse Sets Bidder

By OSWALD JACOBY

NORTH certainly found a lot of bids with his hand and was lucky that South really held a sound opening bid.

West opened the ten of diamonds. Generous George who sat East promptly cashed his ace and king and then appeared to look over dummy for the first time.

"What a nice dummy," said George. "What pretty clubs! Every day is Christmas with me and I think I will give you a free finesse."

George followed his charitable remarks with the lead of the club seven. West played low and dummy's nine held the trick.

It appeared obvious to declarer that George had led a singleton club and hoped to be able to ruff a second lead of

NORTH				3
♠	Q 10 8 4			
♥	10 9			
♦	5 4			
♣	A Q J 9			
WEST				
♠	K 8 7 3			
♥	Q 10 5 3			
♦	10 8 8 3 2			
♣	K 8 0			
EAST				
♠	9 8 5			
♥	Q 10 5 3			
♦	A K 6			
♣	7 4 2			
SOUTH (D)				
♠	A			
♥	A K 8 7 4 2			
♦	Q J 7			
♣	10 5 3			
East and West vulnerable				
1	South	West	North	East
1	Pass	3	4	Pass
2	Pass	3	4	Pass
3	Pass	4	5	Pass
4	Pass	5	6	Pass
Opening lead—♦ 10				

the suit. Declarer had the medicine for that. He played the ace and king of trumps, whereupon Generous George was able to set the hand with his queen and jack.

If George had made the normal return of a spade, declarer might still have gone down but probably would have made the hand. His correct play would have been to take one high heart and then finesse the club. He needed that club finesse in any event.

A second heart would be played from dummy. If George covered he would make only one trump trick. If George ducked, declarer would let the card ride. This play would guard against four hearts in George's hand and would trick would have to be lost against any combination at that time.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
East West North
1 ♠ Double Pass 1 ♥
Pass ?
You, South, hold:
♠ K J 8 7 ♡ A Q 8 7 ♦ J 2 ♣ A 4
What do you do?
A—Bid two hearts. You have a very sound informative double with good support for hearts. You must make some move and might even jump to three hearts if you felt optimistic.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner continues with a bid of two no-trump. What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

C. SUET ESQ. in a memorandum, has outlined a plan to end the egg muddle. He suggests that Probing Stations should be set up, to probe eggs on the way from the sorters to the packers.

Every probed egg would be stamped at a central station, before being sent to a sub-station for marking, dating, and coding. Eggs passed by the Examination Centre as fresh on the date of laying would then be unpacked and re-sorted before going to the Indexing Station, on their way to the code-checkers, who would select the eggs chosen by the local overseers to go to the Classification Committee for re-examination to a regional Sub-Committee acting for the District Distribution Centre or the Regional Authority. All surviving eggs would then be passed as fit for the retailers.

The new boy
A SENSATION has been caused at Narkover by a new boy who carries a wicked-looking dagger, as long as a bayonet, stuck into his back. When the father was asked if the lad was encouraged in this habit, he replied that the dagger was only to be used for cutting the pages of French novels. His mother said, more frankly, that she had

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Walk With Mr. Punch

—He Spoke To The Dogs In Different Languages—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the Shadow Girl with the turned-about name, went up to the roosting chair by the sunny window where, last week, she had been taking his afternoon nap. She gave him a gentle nudge.

By and by, Mr. Punch, who was snoring gently, stopped snoring and opened his eyes.

"Ah, it's you, Hanid," he said, when he had become wide-awake enough to speak.

"Yes," said Hanid, "I'm sorry I had to wake you up."

Mr. Punch smiled and said that was all right. "But why did you wake me up?" he asked the next moment.

He had promised
"You promised to take a walk with me, this afternoon," said Hanid.

"Dear me, so I did," said Mr. Punch. "I forgot all about it."

Mr. Punch now stood up, washed his face with cold water to really wake himself up. Then he put on his brown velvet coat and started down the street with Hanid at his side.

They hadn't gone very far when they met a black poodle. "Hello, Poodle," said Hanid.

The poodle paid no attention. He would have kept right on walking had not Mr. Punch said: "Bon jour, Poodle."

Poodle Answered
The poodle barked something. To Hanid it sounded as if it were saying: "Bon jour, Mr. Punch."

Rupert and Rusty—10
Rupert cannot understand why Rusty is so interested in the cat and he asks him again to go home. But the boy pulls him on. "I've begun making up wonderful stories about it," he murmurs. "Because there's often smoke though I've never seen anyone go in or out of the chimney there's a fire in the grate!"



"Why did you speak German to the Dachshund?" Hanid asked.

The Spaniel didn't answer. "Guten Tag, Spaniel," said Hanid.

Still the Spaniel didn't answer. Hanid looked at Mr. Punch who was smiling. "No, no," he said, "Spaniels aren't French. They aren't German either."

"What are they?" asked Hanid.

"They're Spanish," said Mr. Punch. "You can guess it from their name. Buenos dias," he said to the Spaniel.

And when Hanid and Mr. Punch reached the corner, there they met the fourth and last dog. This time Hanid wasn't fooled.

"Top of the morning to you," she said.

"Top of the morning to you," barked the Dog.

It was an Irish Terrier.

They're Not French
A little further on, they met a brown Spaniel. Hanid hesitated for a moment, then she said: "Bon jour, Spaniel!"

Mental Health

By W. W. Bauer, M.D.

IT has been said that women, although more temperamental than men, are more balanced when it comes to making a final analysis of a difficult situation and so are far less likely to take the weak way out offered by suicide.

Suicides may occur at any time in life after childhood; children rarely commit suicide. Beginning with adolescence, each decade shows a steady and consistent increase. More than half of all suicides occur after the age of 46. Three times as many men as women destroy themselves. Men more commonly shoot themselves or jump off buildings, while women seem to prefer the less spectacular measures, such as poison or gas.

Everyone always speculates about suicide. Why did he or she do it? He had just finished a new house. He had only recently been promoted. She and her husband were devoted. She was beautiful and popular and had everything a woman could want. He—or she—had everything to live for. Why?

Often the answer is that the individual must have been out of his mind. It is a natural assumption, but it is not true, on the basis of many instances where psychiatrists have studied the personality of the deceased immediately prior to his suicide and found no signs of mental illness. Nor is it true that only persons suffering depression are potential suicides. There seems, in fact, no basis for linking suicide with any specific mental disease.

There are many facts about suicide which seem strange at first glance, but fall into place when the suicide pattern is explained. For example, there are fewer suicides during wartime than in peace. Fewer in times of financial distress; more in prosperous times. More in cities than in rural areas. Suicides are rare among Negroes.

Modern psychiatry now has some of the know-how to prevent some suicides, if psychiatrists are consulted in time.



Again the back-of-the-head angle, and this Jolly Roger cap in velvet is a delightful example of this easy to wear style.

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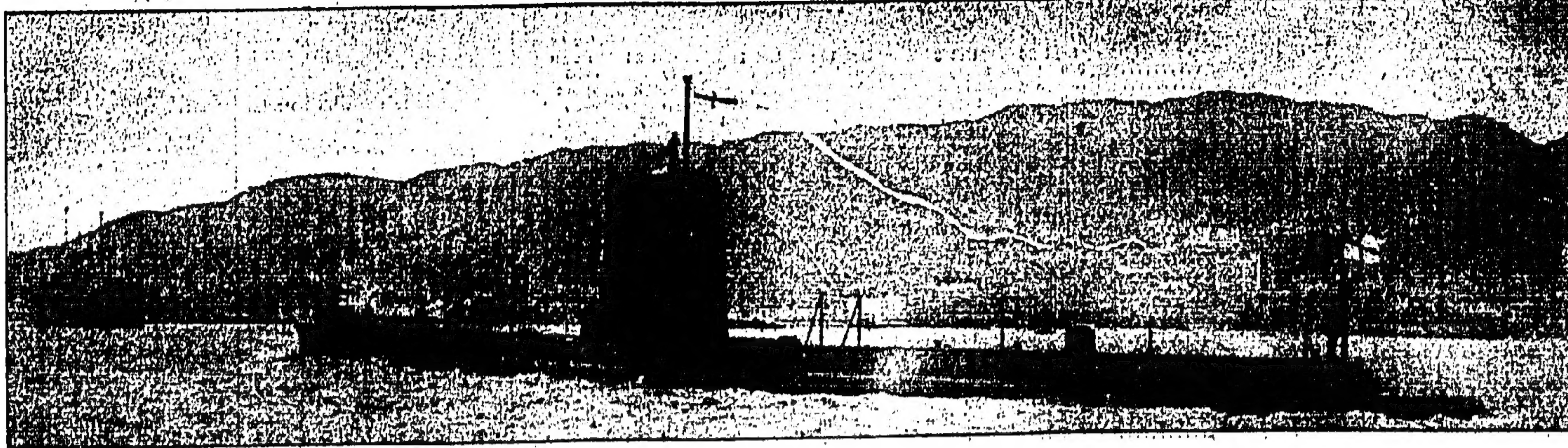
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SHEAFFER'S

ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

SUBMARINE LEAVES AFTER FORTNIGHT'S STAY



A photograph of HM Submarine Andrew leaving Hong Kong on Thursday morning for Singapore, where she will pay off and refit. She is seen here flying her paying off pennant. Andrew arrived here on October 3 under the command of Lieutenant Commander A. J. D'A. Burdett, RN, who turned over to Lieutenant Commander J. M. Cochran, RN on October 15.

Andrew is an 'A' Class submarine displacing 1,700 tons underwater and has a complement of sixty. She was completed in 1948 and in 1953 proceeded underwater from Bermuda to the English Channel—a distance of 2,500 miles—in fifteen days, using her snorkel equipment.

Andrew, which has recently been streamlined has a top speed of about 18 knots. She left the United Kingdom in May this year and came out to the Far East Station via Capetown, Mauritius and Ceylon, arriving at Singapore last month.

—Royal Navy Photo.

There He Is!



During Mr Keen's tour this morning, one blind boy made himself conspicuous in the singing. Later, when Mr Keen visited the classrooms, he was pointed out by two teachers.—China Mail Photo.

Unregistered Doctors Respond

There has been a gratifying response from non-registered doctors in the Colony who have availed themselves of the opportunity to obtain a registrable qualification. Until the closing date (November 8) was reached, a spokesman said he was unable to give figures of the response but so far it "was gratifying."

Cost Of New Building

During September a total of 152 buildings, comprising houses, shops, factories and godowns, were completed in the Colony, the Government Gazette stated this morning. The total cost of the new buildings was \$10,926,274.

STOP PRESS

LEAVES FOR HONGKONG

Taipei, Oct. 25. Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, United States Chief of Naval Operations left Taipei this morning for Hongkong after a two-day visit and talks with President Chiang Kai-shek.—France-Press.

8 Months For Taking Pen

A 22-year-old unemployed, Cheung Ming, who picked a fountain pen from the pocket of Captain G. Wilson of the ss Kombla Brezza, at present lying alongside A-9 Buoy, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment this morning by Mr Hin-shing Lo at the Central Magistracy.

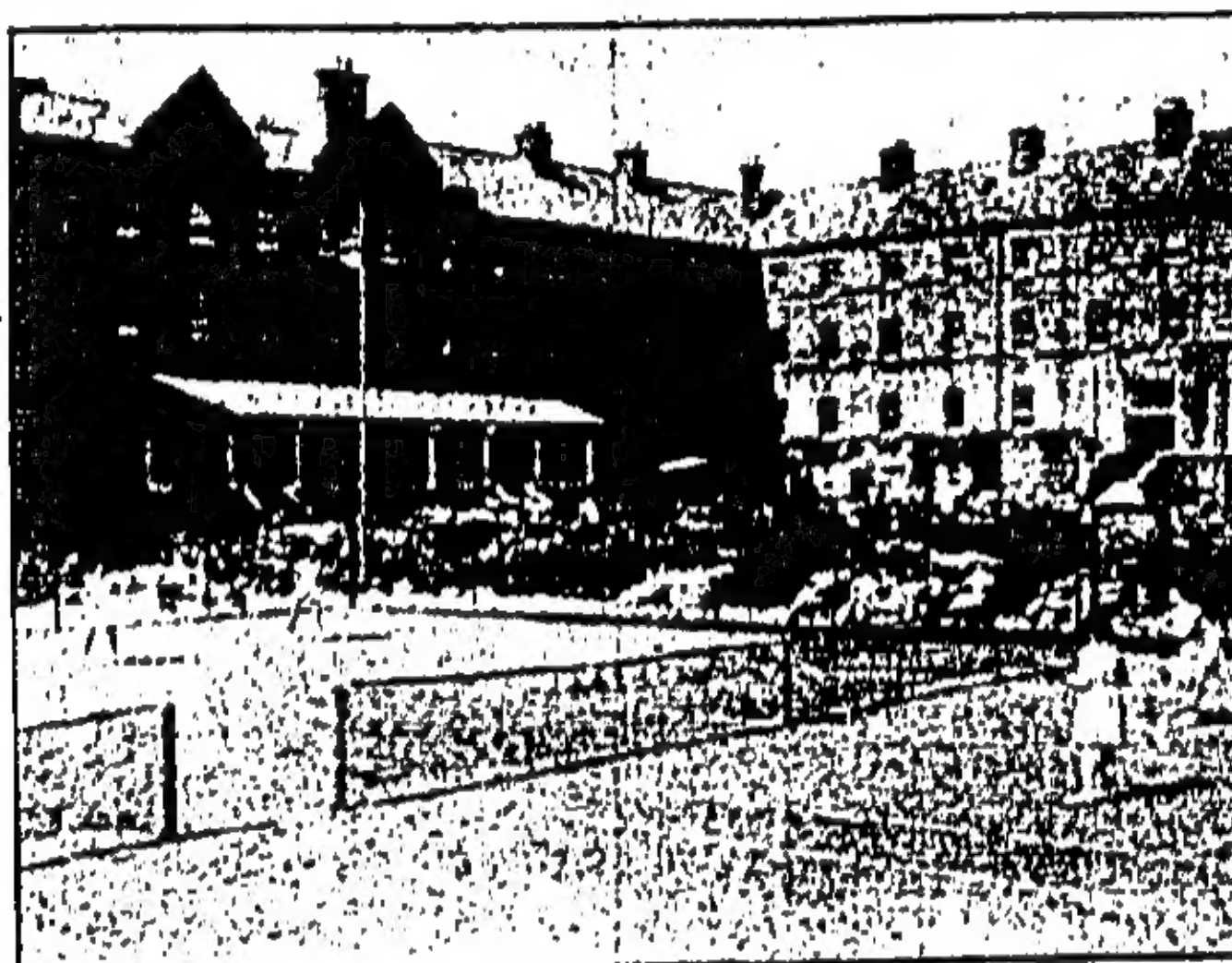
Defendant, who has no fixed abode, pleaded guilty. The prosecution stated that at about 5.45 p.m. on October 23, Captain Wilson was walking along Connaught Road Central, near King's Building, when defendant bumped into him. The Captain looked down and saw his fountain pen missing. He turned around and saw defendant running away with it, the prosecution said.

Captain Wilson then gave chase and caught defendant, who was still holding the pen, and handed him to a traffic police officer who was near by, the prosecution ended.

TV At HK's Big Fashion Show

A television feature of special interest will be broadcast from 10 p.m. until 10.45 this evening when the Rediffusion cameras will take viewers to a vantage point at the big Fashion Show at Happy Valley where commentators Jean Tancock, Francis Lo and John Grant will keep viewers informed of what is taking place in the closing stages of the Show.

51 HONGKONG GIRLS AT ONE LONDON HOSPITAL



The nursing staff have a tennis court.

COLONY NURSING STUDENTS SCORE IN EXAMS

By DAVID T. K. WONG

London. Two Hongkong student nurses were among those who received prizes at the annual Prize-giving Day at Whipp's Cross Hospital in London last Friday. They were 21-year-old Lydia Maria Cara Tsao and 18-year-old Ruth Hun-ling Lung.

Both girls scored the highest marks among their respective groups of student nurses in the Preliminary Training School Examinations. Lydia, a former student of French Convent, scored the highest marks for the August to November group last year while Ruth, a former student of Maryknoll, topped the group who took the exams for the first part of this year.

THICK & FAST

However, although there is much a large number at Whipp's Cross Hospital now, it was only as recent as February of 1956 that the first Chinese nurse commenced duty there. Since then, applications for admission from Hongkong girls have been coming thick and fast.

Mrs K. Fogarty, S.R.N., S.C.M., the Matron at Whipp's Cross Hospital, said that on the whole Hongkong girls settle down very well to life at the hospital. However, some of them do face difficulties with their studies because of the language problem.

Whipp's Cross Hospital has probably the most beautiful environment of all the hospitals in London. It stands on its own grounds with lovely gardens for the use of both staff and patients. It also adjoins the 6,000 acres of delightful woodland known as Epping Forest.

OPENED IN 1903

The hospital was opened as a general hospital in 1903 and it was considerably extended in 1938. Today it has almost 1,000 beds and is the second largest hospital in the United Kingdom. Student nurses are housed in modern Nurses' Home with individual bedrooms and central heating throughout. There are tennis courts in the grounds and a golf course and a riding school are available at quite short distances from the hospital.

MAN ADMITS ASSAULT

But Denies Robbery

An earth coolie charged with robbery told a Jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning that he was guilty of assault, but not of robbery.

The coolie, Lau To-hung, 28, and another man, Yau Yung-sau, 27, unemployed, are on trial before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes.

The two are alleged to have taken part in a three-man robbery of Lee Tak-kwai, a clerk, in Diamond Hill on July 18. They were accused of knocking off his glasses, assaulting him and making off with his watch.

Lau faces an alternative charge of receiving stolen property.

Not Intended

Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector K. E. Wellburn.

At the outset this morning, Mr Justice Scholes admitted in evidence two cautioned statements made by the second accused—one to a detective in answer to an inquiry and the other in answer to the charge after his arrest.

In both statements, which were read out in Court, the second accused said he went with two others to assault somebody, and that that person's watch was taken away from its owner.

Testifying on his own behalf, the first accused said the incident was not in the nature of a robbery. He said he had been induced by one Chan Loi to take part in beating up Lee Tak-kwai.

Lau said Chan Loi told him that Lee Tak-kwai was employed in a NAAFI establishment, and that Lee had arranged for some friends of Chan to be transferred elsewhere.

Resentment

Chan Loi and his friends had resented this transfer, and had decided to beat Lee up.

On the appointed day, Lau continued, he and Chan Loi and one Lee Choi waited for Lee Tak-kwai to pass along the road in Diamond Hill. When he passed, Lee Choi attacked him.

Accused said Lee Choi pulled Lee Tak-kwai to the ground. In doing so, the latter's watch was loosened from his wrist.

Lau said he himself did not actually hit the complainant. But before he left, he noticed the watch on the ground. On the spur of the moment, he decided to pick it up. He returned it to Kowloon City for a change of clothes.

Not Believed

At the Police Station, he continued, he told this story, but was not believed. He was beaten up and forced to make a statement admitting a charge of robbery, Lau alleged.

Accused stated that if he had really intended to rob Lee Tak-kwai, he would have taken from him all his money and his fountain pen as well.

Cross-examined, Lau said he was guilty of assault, but certainly not of robbery.

He admitted having changed his clothes and then tried to pawn the watch, but explained that the reason he changed his clothes was that they were dirty and not that he did not want to be identified.

Hearing is continuing.

Appeal To Full Court Fails

A 34-year-old Pakistani merchant, Mohammed Hussain, sentenced in Kowloon District Court on October 2 to three years plus a fine of \$10,000 or another year for dealing in opium and possession of almost 20 pounds of raw opium, lost his appeal before the Full Court this morning.

Contesting his conviction, Hussain told the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, and Mr Justice T. J. Gould, that a man called William Loo had "done this to me."

He said he incurred Loo's enmity when he was seen in a dance hall with the man's estranged wife.

Hussain alleged that Loo was in a hotel room with him when the Police arrived and was the person nearest to the drugs. The prosecution never produced a sworn statement he made explaining Loo's enmity, he said.

Dependent

He also claimed that the Police had told the Trade Commissioner for Pakistan "officially" that he (appellant) had nothing to do with the case. Hussain requested the Court to reduce his sentence because his family was entirely dependent on him.

The Court refused to upset the conviction or reduce the sentence.

The Chief Justice said that the appellant had had a fair trial and the Judge's reasons for his decision were clear.

The Chief Justice, however, said that the Court would delete the time limit of two weeks set by the Judge for Hussain to pay the \$10,000 so that he could pay it any time before his first sentence of three years ended.

If Hussain did not pay it by the time the first term ended, the alternative of a further year's imprisonment would start, the Chief Justice explained.

HERE BLIND CHILDREN CAN DEVELOP THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS

In a new school in Hongkong, blind boys and girls are being given an opportunity to develop their musical talents.

Mr K. Keen, Social Welfare Officer inspected the school—the Hongkong Music Training Centre for the blind, Kinrossley Road, Kowloon—this morning. Accompanying Mr Keen were Mrs Ruby Ko, Mr Y. P. Ho, of the Social Welfare Department. On arrival, Mr Keen was met by Dr S. C. Chan, Chairman of the Hongkong Orthopaedic Society, Dr and Mrs Ronald Ching, and Dr Marie Feng, Joint Hon. Secretary.

'Felt Notes'

Entering a room where the blind were being taught how to sing, Mr Keen saw them learning how to use Braille notes. They sang songs by feeling the notes with their fingers.

At present, there are 11 boys and three girls in the centre. Most of their time is spent on different aspects of music such as singing, piano playing, music appreciation and so on.

Braille in both English and Chinese and Bible Study is also included in their daily work. They are taught to play at least one other instrument other than piano. They can choose from the violin, cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, viola. There are nine teachers, four European and five Chinese. Mr W. E. Tingle is in charge of their physical culture.

Public Donations

The centre provides room and board and tuition and the food is provided by the Social Welfare Department. Most of the expenses come from public donations. All the teaching staff give their time free to the centre.

Mr Stephen K. Shao, music teacher, told reporter that the blind boys have a very good memory. He said that they learnt how to sing a new song within five minutes.

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